

COMMUNITY CARES – 1ST Q 2023

WWWW 102.9 – Sunday 5:00am WQKL 107.1 – Sunday 6:00am

WTKA 1050 – Sunday 6:30am WLBY 1290 – Saturday & Sunday 11:30am

Host

Lucy Ann Lance

January 1, 2023

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Charles F. Kettles VVA Chapter 310

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House By The Side Of The Road

Jewish Family Services

January 22, 2023

TOPIC – Literacy Love - Whether it is an informative article online, a required book in school, or a fun beach read, reading skills fulfill our lives in many ways. For those who struggle to read, it can leave a huge void in your life. Organizations in our community like Children's Literacy Network, Washtenaw Literacy, and the Rescue Reading program at the Humane Society of Huron Valley, enrich our lives in so many ways for both learners and volunteers.

Guests

- **Children's Literacy Network - Betsy Durant, Executive Director** - These literacy-based programs provide equitable opportunities for children to develop a love of reading and books.
- **Rescue Reading - Karen Patterson, VP, Volunteers & Humane Education, Humane Society of Huron Valley** - This new program gives children the opportunity to practice their reading skills in front of a nonjudgmental audience: homeless animals.
- **Washtenaw Literacy - Amy Goodman, Executive Director** - Helping adults change their lives through literacy by improving their reading, writing, math and English as a second language skills.

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Shelter Association of Washtenaw County

Hudson Education Center

MADD

March of Dimes

Thrift Shop of Ypsilanti

U of M Center for the Education of Women

January 29, 2023

TOPIC – Driven by Faith - When you are driven by faith, you answer to a higher calling and demonstrate that through good works. Each of these organizations - House by the Side of the Road, Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County, and Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County - use their faith to help others.

Guests

- **House by the Side of the Road** - Mary Danforth, President - People with limited funds for clothing, bedding, and other household essentials can shop for free at House by the Side of the Road.
- **Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County** - Joanne Jarvi, Director of Business Development - Jewish Family Services is founded on the Jewish principles of caring for and "giving back" to our diverse community.
- **Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County** - Peg Bravo, President & CEO - Through compassionate service, Catholic Social Services help people live meaningful and independent lives.

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Dexter Lions Club

Ann Arbor District Library

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826 Michigan

Eversight

Groundcover News

The Creature Conservancy

Michigan Foster Care Closet

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- **Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor: Mission - Kathie Wilder, Secretary** - With more than a century legacy of serving children and families, the Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor has had its imprint on many service projects in our community.
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TOPIC – **Helping the Hungry** - Food insecurity is a lack of access to enough food for an active, healthy life. In Washtenaw County, 13,6% of residents struggle with hunger. Thanks to Food Gatherers 170 non-profit agencies and programs provide direct food assistance with hot meals, nutritious snacks or emergency groceries to persons with a low-income in Washtenaw County.

Guests

- **Food Gatherers - Eileen Spring, -** Food Gatherers exists to alleviate hunger and eliminate its causes in our community. The organization distributes 6.6 million pounds of food annually through 170 partners and programs serving Washtenaw County.
- **Peace Neighborhood Center - Bonnie Billups, Jr., Executive Director -** Peace Neighborhood Center provides programs for children, families, and individuals who are affected by social and economic problems, leading to self-sufficiency and positive community involvement. Peace partners with Food Gatherers to provide.
- **Back Door Food Pantry - Kathy Daly, Co-Chair -** Christians, Jews, and Muslims come together to help people in need at the Back Door Pantry. While food donations are vital, the majority of the food distributed each week is actually purchased from Food Gatherers at a reduced rate.

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Avalon Housing

Saline District Library

Magic of Christmas

Alpha House

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washtenaw County

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TOPIC – Ann Arbor Thrift Shop- You may think of a thrift store as a place to get a good deal or find a one-of-a-kind treasure. But the Ann Arbor Thrift Shop, run by all volunteers, is so much more. Your donation and your purchase supports emergency social service aid through a unique funding model. This is an inside look at the funding, the volunteers and the donations that make the Ann Arbor Thrift Shop a very important part of our community.

Guests

- **Ann Arbor Thrift Shop: Funding - Cathi Duchon, President Elect** - This retail shop is open 4 1/2 days a week and takes in approximately \$550,000 a year. With an all-volunteer organization, most of that money is donated back to emergency social needs.
- **Ann Arbor Thrift Shop: Volunteers - Janice Trouba, President** - For 90 years the Ann Arbor Thrift Shop has served as an entirely volunteer business serving community needs.
- **Ann Arbor Thrift Shop: Donations - Suzie Gerhardt, In-Gathering Chair/Past President** - When you shop at the Ann Arbor Thrift Shop you get quality merchandise at an affordable price, and you help support emergency community support.

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United Way of Washtenaw County

Saline District Library

Washtenaw Housing Alliance

Brain Injury Association of Michigan

March 26, 2023

TOPIC – Substance Abuse - Suffering from an addiction doesn't mean you have to suffer alone. Whether its alcoholism or drug abuse, these organizations are ready to help: Home of New Vision, Dawn Farm, and Avalon Housing.

Guests

Home of New Vision - Glynis Anderson, Founder/Executive Director - Home of New Vision helps people struggling with substance use disorders find a better way of life. They understand the feelings of fear, hopelessness, and despair suffered by those impacted by the disease of addiction.

Dawn Farm - Olivia Vigiletti, Development Director - Assisting addicts and alcoholics in achieving long term recovery, Dawn Farm identifies and removes barriers that prevent addicts and alcoholics from joining the recovering community.

Avalon Housing - Aubrey Patino, Executive Director - What does housing have to do with combating substance abuse? Avalon Housing believes everything starts with housing, including harm reduction.

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